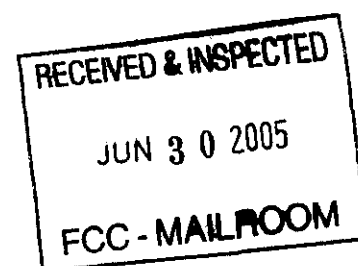


Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 Twelfth Street, SW
Washington, D.C. 20554

June 26, 2005



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RE: docket # 04-191

Dear Ms. Dortch,

KALW is a community treasure. I look forward to listening to it every day, both at home and while driving to and from work. I find it an unbearable thought that the renewal of KALW's license might be in jeopardy.

Why is KALW my first listening choice? How does it differ from other public radio stations?

It is simply the variety of local programs of outstanding quality offered along with its national and international coverage that makes KALW unique.

KALW produces programming in areas as diverse as health, legal rights and issues (sponsored by the California State Bar Association), jazz, folk music (with live studio appearances), current events, local concerts, conservation, theater arts, technology and science, local urban issues, the Commonwealth Club public issues speakers, West Coast Live (live weekly performances), philosophy, African music and more. Many of these programs are produced by talented and public spirited volunteers, some for over 20 years, some newcomers.

KALW is not just resting on its laurels. New award-winning programs originating locally are now being distributed nationwide.

Besides its regular schedule, KALW also provides gavel to gavel coverage of the San Francisco Unified School District's monthly board meetings. San Franciscans depend on KALW to keep abreast of the many challenging and important issues involving our public schools. This public service is available nowhere else.

The first FM station to be licensed in San Francisco, and the first educational station to be licensed west of the Mississippi, KALW has continued for more than 64 years to provide award-winning, irreplaceable, locally produced programming. Operated by small devoted staff, KALW is a miracle of productivity on a modest budget.

KALW is truly unique in the strength, variety and depth of its offerings. These reflect the diversity, thoughtful nature and broad interests of our local San Francisco Bay Area community.

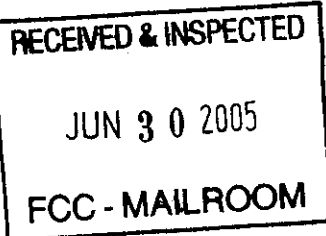
Please keep KALW on the air. We are counting on you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joanne Kamiya".

Joanne Kamiya
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RE: Docket # 04-191

To whom it may concern:

I am writing in support of my community radio station, KALW. I understand that there is some concern as to the station's adherence to proper procedures and documentation pertaining to their license to use the broadcast airwaves in the public's trust. Well, as part owner of said airwaves, I am here to say that my only complaint about KALW is that their signal isn't nearly strong enough. Otherwise, I listen to 91.7 MHz most any time I can.

I wake to NPR's **Morning Edition** and BBC **World News** on my clock radio. I listen to KALW-produced **Your Call** when I get to work for a reasonable and diverse discussion of current events. I listen to KALW-produced **Philosophy Talk** every Tuesday at lunchtime to ponder the moral questions of our time. I listen to CBC's **As It Happens** as my workday ends, for an in-depth, diverse, and humorous look at the world from a slightly different angle. I listen to world leaders, movers and shakers speak and answer questions on the locally produced **Commonwealth Club** broadcasts. I listen to locally produced **West Coast Live** on Saturday mornings for always great entertainment and a uniquely San Francisco vibe. On Saturday evenings, I relax to the ever-interesting sounds of locally produced **Tangents with Dore Stein**. And I haven't even mentioned the half of it, but I make my point.

KALW is what every community radio station in the country should aspire to – responsive to and inclusive of many diverse communities and the city and school district as a whole. Its diverse and creative programming generates discussion, informs, entertains, and motivates involvement in local, national, and international affairs. What more could we citizen owners of the airwaves ask for? KALW takes the FCC's charge to public service more seriously than most any commercial station in existence and more than a few public radio licensees as well. In fact, it is a kilowatt whisper of reason and compassion in the deafening megawatt roar of drivel and repetition that is pretty much the remainder of the San Francisco radio dial. Please take whatever action you can to ensure that KALW continues to serve our citizens well.

Sincerely,

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cc: Chief, Enforcement Bureau, FCC
Nicole Sawaya, General Manager, KALW
Dr. Arlene Ackerman, Superintendent of Public Schools, San Francisco

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Re: KALW(FM), San Francisco, CA
MB Docket No. 04-191

Dear Secretary:

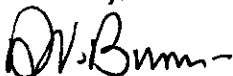
Please consider my letter in support of the KALW radio station. While it is not the only station that I listen to it is the one that I listen to the most and with the greatest enthusiasm. It is the variety of programming that keeps me tuned to 91.7. That variety means that I might not like some of what is broadcast but I tolerate what I do not like in the hope that others will be tolerant of what interests me.

I have been listening to KALW for more than fifteen years and I know that this is less than a quarter of its long illustrious life during which it has done great service to the local community. Certainly during the years that I have been listening it has been appropriate, focused and accurate with regards to local issues and equally useful on global matters.

How a small radio station manages this is a small miracle. Local fund raising and the enthusiasm of its listeners makes it work. A large commercial interest can overcome many organizational difficulties with the resources it has available but existing almost entirely on donations KALW makes its work seem truly remarkable. The programs produced locally are excellent.

I sincerely hope that the current difficulties with the FCC can be resolved and this worthy, hard-working, talented group can get back to what they do best; running a high-class local radio station. Please extend to them some tolerance, allow them to correct whatever past deficiencies may have occurred and guide them on to at least another sixty years of excellence.

Sincerely,



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Dear Mr. Secretary,

KALW is a one of the most important radio stations we have – at least as good as KQED. I listen to it every day. I even listen occasionally to the school board meetings – it provides a unique “peek” at the issues the board has to deal with.

It is neither liberal nor conservative in its orientation – it is committed to public service, information, and excellent entertainment. I find it very scary that KALW might have its license revoked. Very scary! IT WOULD BE A SERIOUS PUBLIC DIS-SERVICE TO NOT CONTINUE KALW'S LICENSE.

I am not going to list all the different kinds of programming KALW offers –the list would be too long. KALW has been with us for over 6 decades, and is as relevant today as it ever was. I cannot believe that anyone truly interested in public service would consider revoking this license.

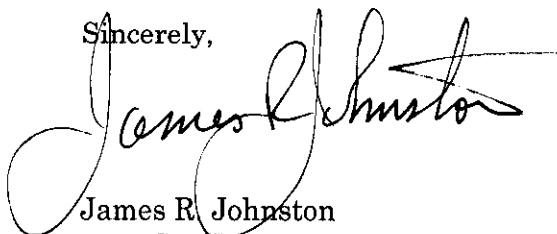
I hope this is NOT a case of corporate interests devouring another local entity. There has been too much of that lately. Cultural diversity – like bio-diversity – is essential to a robust, vibrant organism, organization, or culture.

KALW is an irreplaceable asset.

If there are any formal, clerical issues that need cleaning up, please allow them to do so.

Please keep KALW on the air – for generations to come.

Sincerely,



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Re: KALW(FM), San Francisco, CA
MB Docket No. 04-191

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Dear Secretary:

I am writing in support of renewing KALW's license to broadcast in the San Francisco Bay Area. I have been listening to KALW for at least 20 years and, as the years go by, I find I listen more and more. I have been a member for years. This spring, I even took time off work to answer phones during the spring pledge drive.

I rely on KALW for news, information and entertainment. On KALW, I hear programs from BBC and CBC which offer another perspective on international events, as well as locally produced shows that focus on and foster the San Francisco community. As a resident of Oakland, I very much appreciated a recent show on the history and current issues surrounding housing and redevelopment in Oakland. This was produced by the KALW news department.

I particularly appreciate that KALW has a very high percentage of listener support, which means that it is truly community radio. The KALW staff, many of whom are volunteers, are highly dedicated and produce wonderful shows. It would be a great loss to the community if KALW were to go off the air. I can hardly bear to contemplate such a possibility. I most strongly urge you to grant the renewal of their license.

Sincerely,

Linda Eby
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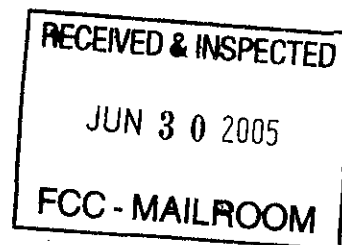
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Secretary
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445 Twelfth Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554



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Reference: KALW(FM), San Francisco, CA
MB Docket No. 04-191

Dear Secretary:

1. The KALW radio station is co-located with the Public Safety radio system at 1 Christmas Tree Point, in San Francisco.
2. The radio station has very effective coverage in the City and is considered as an effective communication tool to be used as an emergency alert for the citizens in case of any untoward incidents, i.e., earthquake, terrorism, tsunami, etc.
3. Therefore, the renewal of KALW radio station's license is in the best interest for the public safety of the citizens of San Francisco.

Sincerely,

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Joseph John
Public Safety Services
Director

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Jozef Hatala
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June 23, 2005

Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 Twelfth Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: KALW(FM), San Francisco, CA, MB Docket No. 04-191

Dear Secretary:

I am a listener of KALW, and I find that this radio brings a tremendous value to the radio programming in the San Francisco Bay Area.

Therefore I ask you to consider deciding favorably in the matter of renewing the broadcast license for this station.

Sincerely,



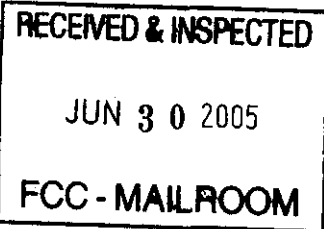
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Secretary
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Re: KALW (FM), San Francisco, CA
MB Docket No. 04-191

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Dear Secretary:

This letter is in support of 91.7 KALW, our favorite radio station.

On a small budget they keep us informed about what is going on locally, nationally and worldwide. Beyond the news there is so much to learn and KALW gives us a window on life in the Bay Area, through award-winning local programming, as well as around the World with the BBC, CBC and others. Then it is time to think with "Philosophy Talk" and "New Dimensions" or be entertained with a wide variety of music and Talk Shows.

We have been listening to KALW for over 20 years and have such a high opinion of the people who run this station and the friendly voices who come back day after day and become members of the family.

91.7 KALW is a national treasure which should be supported and rewarded for all the good things it does.

Sincerely,

Stephen R. Bourne

Jane Bourne

Stephen R. and Jane Bourne
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Re: KALW(FM), San Francisco, CA DOCKET FILE COPY ORIGINAL
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Dear Secretary:

I have been a KALW listener for the past 25 years. KALW fm is a valuable community resource and one of the best radio stations I have ever heard. There are many commercial stations in the Bay Area who could disappear and easily be replaced. But not KALW. Because it is public; because it has a tradition of high quality programming; because it is managed and staffed by people who care about producing good radio for the public, and because it does not cater to "bottom line" considerations, KALW provides an eclectic variety of high quality, non-commercial, local, national, and international news and culture programs.

The San Francisco Bay Area is blessed with several good public radio stations, but KALW is unique in that it not only broadcasts NPR and PRI shows (in addition to many other fine local and national programs) but also BBC and CBC news programs, which gives Bay Area listeners a choice of independent public news sources and consequently, a nuanced view of national and world events. I think that the unique mix of news and public affairs programming KALW offers sets a standard that other stations would do well to meet. KALW does a fine job of educating and informing its listeners, which enables us to understand local, state, national and international issues. This kind of radio allows Bay Area residents' informed participation in our democracy at all levels.

I also very much enjoy the variety of music programs that are carried by KALW. The quality of my life would be so much poorer (and I would be personally devastated) were I not able to tune in to the station on Saturday afternoons year 'round and hear the rich tapestry of American

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and international folk music KALW offers. This programming is only available in the San Francisco Bay Area on KALW.

KALW offers other programs that are not available elsewhere in Bay Area radio: for example, an hour devoted to a discussion of philosophy; 2 hours a week by an African American who broadcasts a nationally syndicated show that features unique guests and topics creatively and enjoyably explored from the African-American perspective; and KALW is ramping up a local news department that will create original programs to better serve and inform local listeners.

Our public airwaves and the public itself would be ill-served if KALW's programming were to be radically altered or replaced by a successful license challenge. Because of KALW's continuing commitment to providing our community with the highest quality news and culture programming, I believe that the license challenge should be rejected, and KALW should continue to be operated by the San Francisco Unified School District, as a vote of confidence in their responsible stewardship of the broadcasting done on the 91.7 fm frequency in the Bay Area.

Please listen to devoted KALW listeners like me; think of the great loss in radio programming our community would suffer if KALW in its current form were to be shut down; so make the correct decision and reject the unwarranted license challenge directed against KALW. Thank you!

Sincerely, 

**Art Persyko
2190 Washington Street, # 608
San Francisco, California, 94109**

cc: Chief, Enforcement Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, 445 Twelfth Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20554.